AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coastal areas of the country has been classified recently under various categories for development activties; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The coastal areas of the country have been classified into four categories for regulating development activities, vide Gagette notification S.O. No. 114(E) dated 20-2-91. Details of the classification are annexed as a statement.

Statement

The classification of the coastal stretches into four categories is as follows:—

Category-1 CRZ-*II*)

(i) Areas that are ecologically sensitive and important such as national parks|marine parks, sanctuaries, reserve forests, wildlife habitas, mangroves, corals coral reefs, areas close to breeding and spawning grounds of fish and other marine life, areas of outstanding natured beauty|history heritage areas, areas rich in genediversity area slikely to be inundated due to rise n sea level consequent upon global warming and such other areas asmay be declared by the control government of the concerned authorities the State/Union Territory level from time to time.

(ii) Area between the Low Tide Line and the High Tide Line.

Category-2 (*CRZ-II*)

The areas that have already been developed upto or close to the shoreline. For this purpose "developed area" is referred to as that area within the municipal limits or in other legally designated urban areas which is already substantially built up and which has been provided with drainage and apprtach roads and other infrastructural facilities, such as water supply and swerage mains.

Category-3 a*CRZ-III*)

Areas that are relatively undisturbed and those which do not belong to either Category-I or II. These will-linclude coastal zone in the rural areas (developed and underdeveloped) and also areas within municipal limits or in other legally designated urban areas which are not substantially built up.

Category-4 (*CRZ-IV*)

Coastal streches in the Andaman and Nicobar Lakshadeep and small islands exccpt those designated as CRZ-I CRZ-II or CRZ-III.

Implementation of the Air (Prevention and control of pollution Act

163. SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pelased to state:

(a) whether the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act is being strivtly implemented by Government;

(b) if not, what difficulties are being faced in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government contemplate to take to remove those difficulties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.